



# PINAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Director's Column

By Denise Keller

### Library District Budget

The Library District has submitted a budget for FY 2015/2016. Barring any unforeseen changes to the schedule, the tentative budget will be adopted May 27 and the final budget on June 24. Tax rates are voted on August 12. The overall budget for the Library District is as follows:

Personnel	\$ 638,100
Supplies	\$ 257,700
Books	\$ 407,000
Outside Services	\$ 260,180
Non-operating	\$1,148,302
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,711,282</b>

This budget includes increases for each library for books, supplies, equipment, and contributions. The vacant position will not be filled in FY 15/16, but perhaps by the next year we can restore that position.

### LSTA Grant Awards

The libraries in Pinal County did rather well in the competition for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants this year. Five libraries have had grant projects approved for a total of \$114,115. Every project is very different, and they all sound interesting.

The Library District received two grants, "Maximizing Success: Community Analysis" for \$20,000 and "Operation Digitization" for \$29,500. These two grants will benefit libraries county-wide by providing analytics that will inform collection development and services decisions, and digitization stations for patrons to convert treasured family photos to digital format.

Casa Grande received two grants: "ESL Class iPads" for \$11,495 and "Makerspace" for \$21,670. The iPads will be used to encourage adult English as a Second Language (ESL) speakers to not only become proficient in English, but also train them on the iPad to help close the digital divide. The second grant is to establish a

Makerspace that will provide patrons with the ability to access information in new ways through collaborative, hands-on learning and teaching opportunities in the areas of science, technology/multimedia, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM).

Eloy Santa Cruz Library received a continuing grant of \$10,625 for the digitization of the Eloy Enterprise Newspaper. The project will expand the content of the existing digital project online at: <http://eloy.advantage-preservation.com>. The interface will allow users to browse by searchable text, which will include newspapers from 1947-2015, high school yearbooks and historical photos.

The Florence Community Library received a grant of \$11,400 for Cultural Programming. The goal of the project is to provide opportunities for cultural engagement to the community by offering a series of programs at the library. Funds will be used to pay fees and honorariums that to bring in speakers, performers, authors, and other presenters.

The Maricopa Public Library will receive \$9,425 for their project, "Oculus Rift Virtual Reality." The goal of this project is to prepare youth for coursework and employment in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) while exposing Maricopa's population to technology that can teach and inspire. They will purchase Oculus Rift headsets and complementary components & software to be used in programming. The STEM applications of Virtual Reality range from therapy for amputees to allowing a human to control a robot on Mars. Programs will utilize the Rifts in a variety of ways, allowing students configure them for different tasks, including adapting them to Minecraft, where they can build environments and then explore them in Virtual Reality.



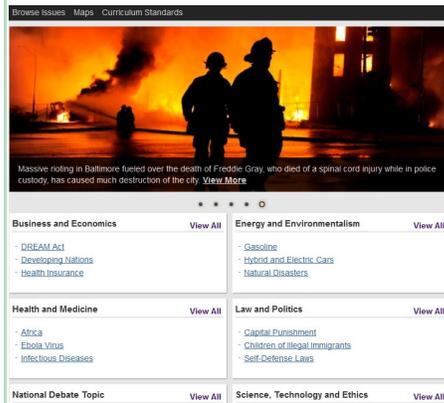
## Spotlight

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## APACHE JUNCTION Library Events



Educator Risa Robinson and Librarian Pam Standhart at the Pet Adoption Day event hosted by the Apache Junction Public Library. Other non-profits participated including Paws & Claws, the city animal shelter.



Steampunk wings and robots were the rage at LibraryCon with Mystic Twistic at the Apache Junction Public Library. A Fantasy Fair with princesses, Cosplay 101, A Fashion Show and Sci-Fi Fun were also part of the day's events.



Check out Crewman Patrick (Computer Assistant) as he visited the LibraryCon photo booth while at the Apache Junction Public Library.



Are these AARP volunteers at the Apache Junction Public Library smiling because tax season is over? Or just started? Or because they eFiled over 1,000 tax forms? Doesn't matter, because just like tax season, they will be back again next year to assist library users with their tax returns.

For more information about the library's programs, visit the Apache Junction Public Library's website at [www.ajpl.org](http://www.ajpl.org) or call 480-474-8555.

## CASA GRANDE At Spring's End

What a whirlwind! As the Casa Grande Library Spring programs come to a close, the flurry of activity begins to die down. Both the Main Library and Vista Grande Library hosted some amazing events these past few months. Here are the highlights. Casa Grande Youth Librarian, Julie Martinez, secretly worked with the Easter Bunny hiding hundreds of eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Pert Park. Ninety-five children hunted for eggs, listened to a few bunny stories, and enjoyed the rest of the color festivities.



Kevin Fahey, Casa Grande Adult Services Librarian, partnered with lecturers from the Arizona Humanities Council to present

*Eloy's Gun and Cotton Stories: Romanticizing the Real.* Forty participants arrived to learn about the lively and lawless days of Eloy's fascinating Wild West history.

Back at the beginning of April, 32 Literati Book Club members converged in a blizzard for its close-out finale. Dee Dee Davis, Vista Grande Adult Services Librarian, invited National Geographic affiliate, Shane Murphy, to discuss his Antarctic travels and the history behind the award winning book, *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage.*



Laura Higgs, Library Assistant, hosted a very special Star Wars Storytime to the delight of 37 young padawans and their guardians. Attendees donned character masks and made awesome light sabers, some of whom practiced with experienced Jedis out in the hall, complete with sound effects and flair.

Vista Grande Children's Librarian, David Brown, ended his profusion of program offerings with his end of the season Minecraft Party. All things Minecraft prevailed on April 24<sup>th</sup> to the excitement of over 80 children and parents. The celebration closed in creative mode with a very Minecraft birthday cake!



*Great Heroes of Our Time: Summer Reading Program* Look out! There are super heroes everywhere! While some wear masks and capes, others travel under such aliases as Officer, Fire Captain, or Super

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Libro. Some of the more extraordinary heroes disguise themselves as animals and only reveal their true nature in times of great need. All these heroes are on high alert! We have lit up the bat signal, called the shoe phone, and radioed the emergency dispatch! Watch the skies and the horizon for super heroes as they descend on Casa Grande to save the citizens from the evils of Summer Braindrain, the most hated villain of families everywhere!

Luckily the Casa Grande Public Library with the help of Super Libro and the League of Super Heroes will combat Miss Summer Braindrain starting with a rally to recruit young citizens to assist in her demise! These young super-heroes-in-the-making will be offered a rigorous voluntary training program to test their mettle over the course of June and July. But first! The best way to arm themselves against the coming of Summer Braindrain is to read! Every day! For at least 20 minutes. She is a wicked scoundrel who preys on people and sucks out their intelligence and leaves their brains a pile of mush. Do not be caught unaware.

Wild Man Phil and the Guardians of the Planet will burst on to the scene as much needed reinforcements. Then! Just when it looks like Wild Man Phil and the Guardians cannot hold Miss Braindrain much longer, the super sneaky Magician, Paul Watson will appear out of nowhere to distract and dazzle her away from the families of Casa Grande. Young super heroes can practice their hand-eye coordination in simulated battles at the Teen Gaming Tournament every Thursday at the Vista Grande Library. Or better yet, adults and older teens can witness true combat training as men duel with martial arts escrima sticks. As the situation turns bleak and dire, Summer Braindrain strengthens her hold on unsuspecting victims. Super Libro and the League of Super Heroes will come out in full force at the Mini-Comic Con to capture Braindrain once and for all. The Hulk will be present to assist or for anyone who wants to challenge him to an arm wrestling contest. Casa Grande's masses might be saved in the end, as long as the young heroes pick up their sharpest weapons yet, new books to stave off Summer Braindrain until school starts back up and she melts into the shadows to lick her wounds. More ways to fight Miss

Braindrain and join forces with Super Libro can be found on the Casa Grande Public Library Summer Reading Events <http://www.casagrandeaz.gov/rec/recreation/>

Contact the Casa Grande Libraries for more information: 520-421-8710

## COOLIDGE

### Great Programs @ the Library

We continue to host Weekly Storytime every Wednesday morning at 10:15 a.m. Children can come in with parents, listen to a story, sing songs, and do a fun craft. We do a special themed story time each month, complete with a yummy treat. In May, we had the chief of police. The Fun Van comes over on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

We host the Adult Book Discussion on the second Tuesday of the month, at 5:30 p.m., and Teen Friday Flix on the third Friday of the month, at 3:30 p.m.

We have introduced a variety of new programs to the community as well. Some more recent programs include our monthly iPad and Tween Titans programs, along with various adult programs on different topics.

We host a monthly program for 9-12 year olds called Tween Titans. This is a fun, hands on program for tweens who can come in, hang out with friends, and make a neat craft or play a game. Last month, we played "Let's Make a Deal." In February, we made mini piñatas. Tween Titans meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 4:00 p.m.



We were thrilled to host Jan Sandwich's Nostalgia Show in January! Jan Sandwich, a professional entertainer and comedian, came to the library to sing, do impersonations, and comedy for our patrons. She had a beautiful voice and her comedy routine was hilarious!

We have been offering information sessions on the Affordable Care Act. It has been great to reach out and inform the community on this topic and to let them know about the various resources available to them. Maria Villalobos from Sun Life has been an excellent provider of this information and we have been very happy to have her come and offer the workshops.

We were so excited to offer two workshops for job seekers in February! There was a workshop on Resumes for those who need help with their resume or help starting their first one, and one-on-one Interview Techniques for those who wanted to learn what will make them stand out among the other candidates during an interview.

Arizona author Steve Brass visited the library on February 14th. Brass discussed his new book Love Match: 50 Questions to Find Your Mate and sign copies as well, should attendees purchase any of their own at the event. Brass's book covers the Five Pillars of Compatibility: chemistry, cash, communication, caring, and commitment, as well as the 50 Questions he believes are important when looking for a long-term partner.



The Friends of the Library Mini Book Sale in February was a great success. We had large prints and paperbacks for great prices! In March, we hosted another Gardening program with a master gardener. We learned about gardening tips in warmer temperatures.

Contact the Coolidge Public Library for more information about their programs: 520-723-6030

## FLORENCE

### New Library Coming Soon!

Construction on the new Florence Community Library facility is nearing completion! The library complex has an estimated completion date of July 23. The new library will occupy almost 13,000 square feet when it is completed this year, more than

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double its current size, offering new opportunities for expanded services.



Inside the new Florence Community Library.

**LSTA and Children’s Collection Grants**  
The library’s services will get a boost from two grant awards at the new location.

Full-time library assistant Barbera Scoby recently completed the Excelling Grant Writers Group program with the Arizona State Library, Archives, and Public Records, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, and her grant proposal to finance a series of cultural programs at the Florence Community Library was accepted.

Funds received for this project will be used to pay the fees and honorariums required to bring in speakers, performers, authors, and other presenters. Equipment, such as a portable stage and microphone, as well as advertising and promotional materials can also be funded with these grant dollars. Programs will include: performances (musicians, dancers, actors) with an informational section before or after; presentations based on research of a particular topic; and speakers (such as authors) who talk about their cultural works.

The library has also received funding from the Arizona State Library Grants-in-Aid Construction Program, to assist in the construction of the children’s collection area. The children’s area will include: shelving space for the book collection; an area for interactive displays for toddlers; and several seating areas for reading, learning, and group activities.

The library continues to offer regular programming. Some recent highlights include:

*Dr. Seuss’ Birthday:* Children’s Librarian Rita Marquez and library aide Veronica Felix hosted a celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday at the library on March 7th. This event offered children of all ages and their caregivers a reading of “Thidwick the Big-

Hearted Moose,” as well as music, crafts, refreshments, and a Dr. Seuss-themed photo booth. Prizes were raffled, and there was a special guest appearance by the Cat in the Hat.



*Musical Instruments in Shakespeare’s Time:* Musicians affiliated with the Arizona Curriculum Theatre visited the library to give a presentation about Elizabethan-era music. They gave patrons a glimpse back in time, showing and playing the musical instruments of Shakespeare’s day: lute, pipe, tabor, hurdy-gurdy, and shawm, to name a few. Each instrument was demonstrated, with performances of authentic melodies from the era. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Florence Community Library.

*Post-War Pop Culture in Arizona:* On April 17th, the Friends of the Florence Community Library sponsored Marshall Shore, Arizona’s Hip Historian, who presented his program “POP-Pourri: Pop Culture in Arizona.” Shore shared the stories, pictures, and artifacts of iconic restaurants and other pop culture elements that appeared on the Arizona landscape after World War II. This program was made possible by the Arizona Humanities Council.

*OneBookAZ Author:* Juvenile/Young Adult author Dan Trumpis, winner of the Teen Category for OneBookAZ’s 2015 writing contest, spoke to students at the Florence Unified School District Meeting Room across the courtyard from the library. Trumpis discussed his stories, and the benefits and challenges of becoming a self-published “independent author.” This program was made possible by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State.

*June: Summer Reading Program*  
Registration for “Every Hero Has a Story,” the 2015 Summer Reading Program, begins Tuesday, May 27. Families and their

caregivers are strongly encouraged to come to the library and register their children and teens for the Reading Club and weekly program activities. Top readers in the Children and Teen categories will receive gift bags and some very nice books at the conclusion of summer reading.

Summer Reading runs through the month of June. There will be a series of summer activities and events for all ages: Trivia handouts that will be available at the front desk each Monday; Teen Tuesday activities at 2 pm; “Tall Tales,” presented by Children’s Librarian Rita Marquez each Wednesday at 10 am; superhero crafts for children of all ages Thursdays at 2 pm; and a Friday ‘Family Flick,’ complete with popcorn and drink, each Friday! Adults are invited to complete entry forms for weekly prize drawings during the program. Top readers will receive special prize bags at the end of the month. Also included will be a visit from guest author Monica Vickers on Friday, June 12; and a tie-in with the theme for the monthly movie on June 13.

For more information, please contact the Florence Community Library at: (520) 868-8311.

## KEARNY National Library Week

National Library Week, an observance week sponsored by the American Library Association, honors libraries and all they do for our communities. The Kearny Public library hosted fun events all week long!



The crew of the Kearny Public Library: Vicki, Janet and Jennifer

*Monday, April 13: Craft Time* We set out left over crafts along with paints, glitter and glue and let every-one have at it.

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*Tuesday, April 14: Library Workers Appreciation Day* The Town of Kearny provided food and we invited the community to share lunch with us!

*Wednesday, April 15: Monthly Tea Party* We served Chicken Salad Sandwiches made by Jennifer, and Chocolate Peanut Butter Swirl Brownies made by Vickie, with Angel Falls Mist and Bingo Blueberry Teas. Jennifer taught crafts such as a Teapot Necklace, Icebox magnet, and Novelty candy holders.

*Thursday, April 16: Ray Primary School's 3rd Grade visit the library* We get kids excited about the upcoming Summer Reading programming by having them come down to do a craft, a science experiment, and get a goodie bag.



*Open House for Poster contest Winners* Each year the Friends of the Kearny Library hosts a poster contest for Grades K-4 based on the National Library Week theme. The top three winners from each grade are honored at an Open House.



The winners of the 2015 Poster Contest.

For more photos, articles and a list of Kearny's Poster Contest winners go to: <https://kearnylibrary.wordpress.com>

## ORACLE Sprucing up the Library

Oracle Library had a very busy first few months of the year with tax season in full swing. After April 15th, we began concentrating on a cleanup inside the library. We have had the carpet cleaned and started cleaning the windows; next all of the books and book shelves will be cleaned.

Oracle Library has four new volunteers and another one in training. It is so wonderful to have so many people wanting to be part of the team of volunteers at OPL. We hope to have a successful summer reading program with the help of all of our volunteers.

For more information, please contact the Oracle Public Library at (520) 896-2121

## SUPERIOR OneBookAZ Author Visit

OneBookAZ 2015 winning author Marcia Fine was at the Superior Public Library on April 28. Ms. Fine's winning eBook, "The Blind Eye: a Sephardic Journey," is about how two women in different centuries explore their identities in this sweeping narrative about a family expelled from Spain, connecting forward across time to a modern woman of Cuban descent. The OneBookAZ titles are available online at no cost to Arizona residents at [onebookaz.org](http://onebookaz.org)

Plans are underway for our Summer Reading Program. The program will be June 2 through July 2. We will have a guest visit by superhero "Bat Girl." Ronald McDonald visits on June 12th. We are planning many games, activities and encouraging kids to use the library and use all the available resources we have for them.

We wish everyone a successful summer program!

For more information, please contact the Superior Public Library at (520) 689-2327

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[www.pinalcountyz.gov/library](http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/library)



## Cataloging Corner

by Jodi Griffith

### Making Library Items Available on the Wider Web

Librarians have realized that information about books and other materials can only be found online if a patron searches a specific online library catalog. Instead of keeping all 'library data' hidden in online library catalogs, catalogers are making new attempts to make library data available on the wider web. Sharing library data with the wider web allows library resources to be discovered by more people. BIBFRAME is a new method for making library information part of the data available on the world wide web, instead of keeping this information exclusively for library patrons.

For example, let's say a person (who may or may not be a library patron) searches for the book title *The Great Gatsby* on Google. Currently, this Google search will bring up online resources for a Wikipedia article, purchase options through Amazon, the movie trailer for the film version of *The Great Gatsby*, and IMDB (International Movie Database) information. There is currently no way to connect a person searching the web with the fact that his or her local library may hold this title. After catalogers implement BIBFRAME practices, this new cataloging method will 'link' the data between the library's online catalog with the wider web. In the future, a Google search for the book title *The Great Gatsby* will bring up an option to

search "Libraries Near You," thus making library items more accessible to the public and also bringing future library card holders to their nearest library.

Don't forget, we will be happy to answer any questions or help with any problem records.

Happy cataloging!



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## Calendar of Events

Arizona Library Association Learning Everywhere - The Transformative Power of Hyperlinked Libraries	Prescott Valley Public Library	May 29
American Library Association Annual Conference	San Francisco, CA	June 25-30
Internet Librarian 2015 Annual Conference	Monterey, CA	Oct 26-28